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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original) An apparatus for helping to protect a vehicle occupant, comprising:
an actuatable vehicle occupant protection device;
and
a microelectromechanical system device (MEMS device) energizable to cause actuation of said protection device.

Claim 2 (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said MEMS device is an energizable fluid source for emitting a primary fluid for actuating said protection device.

Claim 3 (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 2 wherein said protection device is an inflatable device and said apparatus includes means for directing said primary fluid from said MEMS device into said inflatable device to inflate said inflatable device.

Claim 4 (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 3 comprising a plurality of said MEMS devices and including means for directing said primary fluid from said MEMS devices into said inflatable device to inflate said inflatable device, said plurality of MEMS devices being